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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF AUSTRALIA FOR  
CANINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

I. DOCUMENTATION

- A. Permission in writing to import canine semen into Australia must be obtained from the Chief Quarantine Officer (Animals) of the State of ultimate destination of the semen.
- B. A "Permit to Import" together with the documents listed below must be produced to a Quarantine Officer at the port of entry before an "Animal Quarantine Entry" will be issued:
  - 1. a certificate by a registered veterinary surgeon - see Appendix, Part A;
  - 2. a certificate from a Government Veterinary Officer - see Appendix, Part B.
- C. The semen must be consigned to the Australian importer care of the Chief Quarantine Officer (Animals) of the State of ultimate destination of the semen.
- D. The semen will be released to a nominated veterinary surgeon provided that he undertakes to keep a register of the identification of the bitch (or bitches) inseminated with the imported semen and the dates of insemination, and to make this information available to the Chief Quarantine Officer (Animals) on request.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- I. Importation is restricted to semen collected from rabies vaccinated dogs by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian and held frozen for at least 21 days after collection. The semen may be exported if the dog remains healthy at this time.
  - A. Approved countries are the United States and Canada. Application for permission to import from other countries should be referred to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine and will be considered on a case by case basis.

### III. STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

- A. The semen must be stored under an accredited veterinarian's supervision for 21 days after collection prior to export.
- B. The semen must be transported in a sealed container bearing the identification of the donor dog.

### IV. REVIEW

The conditions of importation may be reviewed at any time at the discretion of the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine (Australia).

APPENDIX PART A

VETERINARY SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (BLOCK LETTERS), being a  
licensed veterinarian of \_\_\_\_\_, (country),  
hereby certify in respect of the semen being exported that:

1. I examined the donor dog described as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_, being the date of collection  
of the semen for export, and found him to be healthy and  
free from evidence of venereal transmissible diseases.

2. After due enquiry I am satisfied that during the past 6  
months the dog has not been on any premises on which rabies  
has been diagnosed in the previous 12 months.
3. The donor dog has been vaccinated against rabies using an  
approved/licensed vaccine not less than 30 days and not more  
than 12 months prior to collection of the semen for export.
4. I \*collected/\*supervised the collection of semen for export.
- \* delete whichever is not applicable.
5. I placed the semen, after collection, in a container for  
storage and transport which bears the name, breed and  
registration number (if applicable) of the donor dog.
6. I examined the donor dog 21 days after collection of the  
semen and found him to be free from evidence of rabies and  
venereal transmissible diseases.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (BLOCK LETTERS), being a USDA veterinarian authorized by the Government of \_\_\_\_\_ (COUNTRY), to certify on behalf of the Government, hereby certify in respect of the semen being exported that:

1. ENDORSEMENT

After due enquiry I have no reason to doubt the truth of the Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate at Part A.

2. TESTING AND TREATMENT

I. The donor dog was, within 30 days prior to collection of the semen, subjected to a serum agglutination test for *Brucella canis* with a negative result (negative is less than 50% agglutination at serum dilution of 1:100).

A. \* The donor dog was, within 30 days prior to collection of the semen, subjected to a micro-agglutination lysis test for leptospirosis (*Leptospira interrogans* serovars icterohaemorrhagiae and canicola) with a negative result (negative is less than 50% agglutination at a serum dilution of 1:100).

OR

\* The donor dog was

1. subjected to two micro-agglutination lysis tests for leptospirosis (*L. icterohaemorrhagiae* and *L. canicola*) not less than 30 days apart, the second test being within 30 days prior to collection of the semen, with no rise in titer between the first and second tests; and was,

2. within 30 days prior to the collection of the semen, treated with streptomycin or amoxycillin for 5 consecutive days at therapeutic dose rates.

\* delete whichever is not applicable.

The semen has been stored under an accredited veterinarian's supervision for at least 21 days since collection and is being exported in a container which was sealed in my

presence with an approved seal bearing the number  
\_\_\_\_\_.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
(USDA veterinarian)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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